



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT POLK  
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1. References.

a. Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk (JRTC & FP) Regulation 40-3, Animal and Animal Disease Control, dated 11 July 2003 (and all subsequent revisions).

b. Picerne Resident Responsibility Guide, dated 1 September 2004.

2. Purpose. This policy establishes rules and responsibilities for protection and control of animals on the Fort Polk installation. All references to government housing or on-post housing apply to Picerne Military Housing and to the 801 leased housing areas. Any situation concerning animals on Fort Polk not covered by this policy will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

3. Pets are an important part of family life and must be well cared for. Reference 1a details the manner pets will be maintained at Fort Polk. The following areas require additional emphasis:

a. Pet Registration. All pets maintained in government quarters must be registered with the Fort Polk Veterinary Services within 10 working days of arrival or acquisition. The registration requirement does not apply to caged small animals, birds, or fish. Dogs and cats must be immunized per local statutes (Leesville and Vernon Parish). Failure to register pets maintained in government quarters may result in their immediate removal and the sponsor/owner will lose pet privileges for the remainder of their assignment at Fort Polk. Failure to register dangerous breed dogs will result in the sponsor's/owner's eviction.

b. Dangerous Breeds. Several breeds of dogs have been designated as dangerous breeds. These include pure- and mixed-breed Rottweilers, all the varieties of Pit Bulls, Chows, wolf hybrids, or any other breed with dominant traits geared towards aggression. Dogs belonging to dangerous breeds are prohibited from Fort Polk. Inbound personnel will not be allowed to bring pets of the breeds listed below onto Fort Polk. Current residents with these types of dogs may continue to keep them on Fort Polk, but may not breed or acquire more of these types of dogs. Additionally, these grandfathered pets will be banned from post if they escape, threaten, or bite a person and/or other animal one time. Furthermore, residents choosing to keep grandfathered pets will be required to show proof of a liability insurance policy for each grandfathered pet and have a minimum of \$300,000 of coverage per dog. An exception to policy to own one of these breeds

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may be made, through the Garrison Commander, for a dog of one of these breeds that has earned an American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Good Citizen Certificate.

c. Animal Bite Procedures.

(1) All animals that bite humans are subject to a mandatory 10-day quarantine as rabies suspects. Quarantine may occur at the Fort Polk Veterinary Services Impoundment Facility or a private veterinary establishment (at the owner's expense). Proof of quarantine must be provided to the VTF.

(2) Owners/sponsors of animals involved in any biting incidents will either:

(a) Remove the animal from post.

(b) Humanely euthanize the animal if it is determined to be a further danger.

(c) Face eviction if refusing to do (a) or (b).

d. Disposition of Pets. An owner/sponsor is responsible for supplying proper care for an animal. An owner/ sponsor must also properly dispose of an animal when departing the installation or he no longer wants or is able to keep the animal. Proper disposition entails finding the animal a new home, turning it over to an animal adoption agency (Humane Society, Animal Control), or relinquishing ownership of the animal in writing to the Fort Polk Veterinary Services. The owner/sponsor will not merely abandon the animal on the installation or in the surrounding community.

4. Point of contact for this policy memorandum is the undersigned at (337)531-1606.



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